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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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